BY THE

GENERALL ASSEMBLY

OF THE CONFEDERATE CATHOLIQVES OF

IRELAND

MET AT THE CITTIE OF

KILKENNY

THE TENTH DAY OF IANVARY

Anno Domini 1646.

IT is ordered that the Oath of Association with the addition thereunto made by this Assembly in maner as the same hereafter followeth shalbe *de novo* taken, and sworne by the members of this Assembly and all others of the Confederate Catholickes.

Ex. per Philippum Kearnie Gen. Com. Hiberniæ Cler.

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I A. B. Doe promise, sweare, and protest, before God and his Saints and his Angells that I will during my life beare true faith and alleageance to my Soueraine lord Charles by the Grace of God King of great Britaine, France, and Ireland and to his heires and lawfull successors, and that I wil to my power during my life defend, vphold and maintaine all his and their iust prerogatiues, Estates, and rights, the power, and priuiledges of the Parliament of this realme, the fundamentall lawes of Ireland, the free exercise of the Roman Catholique faith and Religion throughout this land, and the liues, iust liberties, possessions, Estate and rights of all those that haue taken or shall take this oath and performe the contents thereof. And that I will obey and ratifie all the orders, and decrees made, and to be made by the Supreame Councell of the Confederat Catholiques of this Kingdome concerning the said publique Cause, and that I will not seeke or receiue directly or indirectly any pardon or protection for any Act don, or to be don touching this Generall cause, with out the consent of the Maior part of the said Councell, And that I will not directly or indirectly doe any Act or Acts that shall preiudice the said Cause but will to the hazard of my life and estate assist, prosecute, and maintaine the same. Moreouer I doe further sweare, that I will not accept of,

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or submitte unto any peace made, or to be made, with the said Confederat Catholiques with out the consent and approbation of the Generall Assembly of the said Confederat Catholiques, and for the preseruation and streingthning of the Association, and Vnion of this Kingdome that upon any Peace or Accomodation to be made or concluded with the said Confederat Catholiques as aforesaid I will to the uttermost of my power insist upon and maintaine the ensueing propositions, untill a peace as aforesaid be made, and the matters to be agreed upon in the Articles of Peace be established and secured by Parliament. So helpe me God and his holy Gospell.

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THE PROPOSITIONS MENTIONED IN THE *Foresaid* Oath,

FIrst that the Roman Catholiques of both Cleargie and layty in there seuerall Capacities, haue the free and publique exercise of the Roman Catholique Religion and Function throughout the Kingdome in as full lustre and splendor, as it was in the Raigne of King Henry the seauenth, or any other Catholique Kinge, his predecessors Kings of England, and Lords of Ireland either in Ireland or in England.

2. Secondly that the *secular Cleargie* of Ireland videz. Primates, *Archbisshops*, *Bishops*, Ordinaries, Deanes, Deanes and Chapters, Archdeacons, Prebendaries and other Dignitaries, and all other Pastors of the secular Cleargie, and theire respectiue successors shall haue and enioye all and all manner of Iurisdictions, priuiledges and immunities in as full and ample manner as the Roman Catholique secular Clergie had or inioyed the same within this

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Realme at any time during the Raigne of the late Kinge Henry the seauenth, sometimes King of England and Lord of Ireland, any lawe declaration of lawe statute power or Authority whatsoeuer to the Contrary not withstanding.

3. Thirdly that all lawes and statutes made since the twentieth yeare of King Henry the Eight whereby any restraint penalty or other restriction whatsoeuer is or may be layed vpon any of the Roman Catholiques either of the Clergie or of the Layty for suche their free exercise of the Roman Catholique Religion within this Kingdome and of their spirituall functions, Iurisdictions, and priuiledges may be repealed renewed and declared voyde in the next Parliament, by one or more Acts of Parliament, to be past therein.

4. That the Primate Archbishops, Bishops Ordinaries, Deanes, Deanes and Chapters, Archdeacons, Chancelors, Treasurers Chanters Prouosts Wardens of Collegiat Churches Prebendaries and other Dignities, Parsons Vicars and other Pastors of the Roman Catholique secular Clergie, and their respectiue successors shall haue, hold, and enioye all the Chur-

chies, and Church liuings in as large and ample manner, as the late protestant Cleargie respectiuely enioyed the same on the first day of October in the yeare of our Lord *God* 1641. together with all the profits, emoluments, perquisits, liberties, and other rights to their respective Seas and Churches belonging as well in all places now in the possession of the Confederat Catholiques as alsoe in all other places that shalbe recouered by the said Confederat Catholiques from the aduerse party within this Kingdome, leauing to the Roman Catholique Layty their respective rights, according the lawes of the Land.

Ex. per Philippum Kearnie Gen. Cons. Hiberniæ Cleri.

BY THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CONFEDERAT CATHOLICKS OF IRELAND

WHereas the Confederat Roman Catholicks of Ireland, haue beene forced to take Armes for the necessary defence and preseruation of their Religion, plotted, and by many fowle practises endeauored to be quite suppressed by the Puritan faction, as also for the defence safeguard and maintenance of his Maiesties regall power, iust prerogatiues, and rights inuaded vpon by the malignat Parliamentary partie of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and for the preseruation of the Religion, liues, liberties possessions, estates, and rights of the said Confederat Catholiques, haue to that effect heretofore taken an Oath of Association in declaration, and firme binding of a reall and vnanimous vnion among them for the effects aforesaid. Now

for asmuch as this generall Assembly vpon some late distractions happened, haue thought fit to take and accordingly haue taken (with an addition thereunto made by this nowse) the said Oath of Association *de Nouo* It is there fore this day ordered that all and euery person, and persons of the Confederat Catholiques with in the Kingdome of Ireland, and all other person or persons that shall hereafter adheare vnto their partie, as a Confederat, shall for the better assurance of their adhearing fidellity and constancie to the publick cause take *de Nouo* the said Oath with the addition thereunto made by this general Assembly, and any person or persons of the Confederat Catholiques aforesaid, of what degree, condition, or quality, what soeuer failing or refusing to take the same to be deemed and reputed a traytor and hereby is declared a traytor to God, his King, and countrey, and as a person marked with that odious taynte to be proceeded against, and dealt with all, and to the ende noe man might pretend ignorance of the Oath aforesaid, or want of tender of the same vnto him. It is further ordered that all Superiours of the secular Cleargie shall cause

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all those vnder their power, and within their respective districts, Dioceses, and Iurisdictions to take the Oath aforesaid, in manner following, videlicet that euery Parish Priest administer the same in his and their respective Churches, or other publike place, to be appointed by such parish priest throughout the kingdome, and euery person of ranke and quallity within euery such parish to signe ad subscribe his name adding thereto the place of his habitation in a Roll of parchment to that Oath, which Rolle the said Parish Priest is hereafter to retourne signed likewise and sealed by him selfe to the Ordinary of the dioces wherein the said Parish lyeth, whoe is to keepe the same in his Treasury, and to transmit and certifie a true Copie thereof with in three monethes next ensuing vnto the office of the Clarke of the Generall Assembly vnder his Episcopale seale, there to be kept, and the like course the Regulars for those vnder their rule are to observe, And eache Generall or other Commander in chiefe appointed or to be appointed to conduct or leade any Army or Armies vnder the power of the Confederat Catholiques, and all and euery Collonell, Captaine, or other officer, and his

and their respective vnder officers is to take the said Oath, which Oath the Chaplaine Maior of such Army or Armies is as well vnto them as vnto all others the officers and Commanders of such Armie or Armies, whereof hee is Chaplaine, and vnto all the soldiours in such army respectively to administer, returning in manner as before expressed rolles of the names of those that shall take the said Oath, adding their names the place of their habitation respectively as aforesaid, And it is further ordered that all and euery Magistrat and officer as well within Cities and Townes Corporat, as likewise all manner of officers of what name condition or degree either in the Marshall or Ciuill List within the Quarters of the Confederat Catholiques shall vpon the taking of any such employment sweare and take the Oath of Association aforesaid otherwise not to be admitted in any such publick trust or imployment And all and euery Magistrat or other officer of what nature, name or condition what soeuer already in authority or intrusted from the Confederat Catholiques in any imployment either Ciuil or Martiall that shall faile or refuse to take the Oath aforesaid to be immediatly vpon such refusall displaced, and put

from Commaund, power, office, or employ-
ment, among the said Confederat Catholiques,
and to be treated with and proceeded against
as an enemy in manner as before declared.
And forasmuch as grievous and daily com-
plaintes are made against the Commanders and
officers of the Army for their contempts and
disobedience to the orders of such as are placed
in authority, or in the gouernement of the
Kingdome, to preuent the like in the future,
by the tye and obligation of obedience, by the
aforesaid Oath imposed: It is further ordered
that noe manner of Commander of what de-
gree soeuer in any the Army, or Armies of the
Kingdome, shall receaue or be paid either for
any past arreares or future meanes, to accrue
from the publique, vnto him, or them respecti-
uely vntill such Commaunder or Comman-
ders, Officers or officer doe produce his and
their certificat respectiuely of taking the Oath
aforesaid. And it is further ordered and decla-
red that no person or persons of what degree or
qualitie so euer shal be admitted to sue, implea-
de or shall haue any other Iudgment, sentence,
or decree in any Court or Courts Iudicature or
Iudicatures what soeuer, either spirituall, or
temporall, with in the Quarters of the Confe-

derat [illegible] before such person or per-
sons [illegible] the said Oath of Association,
and [illegible] refusing to [illegible]
the said Oath of Association shal be a sufficient
plea in Bart, and shall abate the suite or sui-
tes of any such person or persons whatsoever,
And the Superiors and other persons afore-
said of secular and regular Cleargie intrusted
to administer the said Oath of Association,
and to returne rolls as before declared, are in-
joyned as they Tender the Publique good of
Ireland and of the Catholique cause, duly and
effectually to pursue and observe the contents
of this order, and [illegible]
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of the Kingdome by this Assembly are vpon
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whom they shall [illegible] fit to trust, or by so-
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reby the said Oath of Association shal be ge-
nerally taken by all the Cofederat Catholiques
of Ireland in manner as before expressed
and declared, Given at Kilkeny the 8. of
March, 16[illegible]

Ex [illegible] Kearnie Gen. Com.
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